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1. A POSSIBLE SA-3 SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE (SAM) SITE NEAR ALEXANDRIA, EGYPT, A SAM SITE (PROBABLY SA-2) NEAR CAIRO, AND FIVE AREAS OF NEW CONSTRUCTION IN THE VICINITY OF CAIRO (POSSIBLY SAM RELATED) ARE OBSERVED ON SMALL-SCALE PHOTOGRAPHY OF 9 MARCH 1970 (MISSION 1109-1). THIS BRINGS TO FOUR THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SA-2 SAM SITES IDENTIFIED FROM THIS MISSION.

2. AT 31-08-00N 029-56-40E, 5 NM SE OF ALEXANDRIA AND APPROXIMATELY 1 NM SSW OF AL ISKANDARIYAH SAM SITE A16-2 [REDACTED], EARTH SCARRING IS OBSERVED WHICH RESEMBLES A SOVIET "B" CONFIGURATION SA-3 SAM SITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION. THIS SITE IS SIMILAR TO KIEV SAM SITE B22-3 IN THE USSR.

A SITE ACCESS ROAD LEADS TO A LOOP ROAD APPROXIMATELY [REDACTED]

FOUR APPENDAGES, APPROXIMATELY

[REDACTED] APART, ARE SPACED ALONG THE LOOP ROAD. A BUILDING AND

EXCAVATION ACTIVITY ARE VISIBLE INSIDE THE LOOP ROAD. REVETMENT WALLS ARE NOT IN EVIDENCE AT THE FOUR APPENDAGES. ANOTHER ROAD RUNS PERPENDICULAR TO THE SITE ACCESS ROAD AND TERMINATES JUST BEYOND THE OUTER LIMITS OF THE LOOP

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ROAD. THIS ROAD CORRESPONDS TO THE ACCESS ROAD OF THE ACQUISITION RADAR POSITION AT [REDACTED] AND AT SEVERAL OTHER SA-3 SITES IN THE USSR AND EASTERN EUROPE. IN ADDITION, AN AREA OF CONSTRUCTION JUST WEST OF THE ENTRANCE TO THE SITE CORRESPONDS TO THE POSITIONING OF MISSILE STORAGE BUILDINGS AT MOST NEW SA-3 MISSILE SITES. THE SITE WAS NOT PRESENT ON PHOTOGRAPHY OF [REDACTED]. REF: PASS

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3. A SAM SITE IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION 15 NM WEST OF AL QAHIRAH AT 30-06-15N 030-57-45E. THE UNOCCUPIED SITE CONSISTS OF FOUR COMPLETE SA-2-TYPE DRIVE-THROUGH LAUNCH POSITIONS, ONE PARTIALLY COMPLETED LAUNCH POSITION, AND A GUIDANCE AREA. REF: [REDACTED]

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4. THE FIVE AREAS OF NEW CONSTRUCTION, ALL IN THE DASHUR-HELWAN AREA, ARE AS FOLLOWS.

A. ADJACENT TO AL QAHIRAH SAM SITE A15-2 AT 29-56-00N 031-21-30E, A PLUS-SHAPED STRUCTURE OR EXCAVATION AND SEVERAL SMALL AREAS OF EARTH SCARRING ARE OBSERVED. [REDACTED]

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B. IN A SECURED AREA, ADJACENT TO A NEW SA-2 SITE IDENTIFIED ON THIS MISSION AT 29-52-40N 031-12-20E, A PLUS-SHAPED STRUCTURE OR EXCAVATION AND SEVERAL SMALL AREAS OF EARTH SCARRING ARE OBSERVED. REF:

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C. AT 29-45-20N 031-13-20E, A PLUS-SHAPED STRUCTURE OR EXCAVATION, AN L-SHAPED STRUCTURE, AND SEVERAL SMALL AREAS OF EARTH SCARRING ARE OBSERVED. THE NEAREST SA-2 SITE, WHICH IS A NEW SITE IDENTIFIED ON THIS MISSION, IS APPROXIMATELY 5 NM TO THE WEST AT 29-46-50N 031-04-50E.

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D. AT 29-45-00N 031-25-20E, A PLUS-SHAPED STRUCTURE OR EXCAVATION AND SEVERAL SMALL AREAS OF EARTH SCARRING ARE OBSERVED. A ROAD CONNECTS THIS ACTIVITY WITH AL QAHIRAH SAM SITE BL7-2, APPROXIMATELY 4 NM TO THE WEST.

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E. NEAR CAIRO AIRFIELD WEST AT 30-06-30N 030-52-53E, A PLUS-SHAPED STRUCTURE OR EXCAVATION, AN L-SHAPED STRUCTURE, AND SEVERAL SMALL AREAS OF EARTH SCARRING ARE OBSERVED. THE NEW SAM SITE, REPORTED IN PARAGRAPH

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3 ABOVE, IS APPROXIMATELY 4 NM TO THE EAST.

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5. THE EARLY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION, THE SMALL SCALE, AND LIMITED INTERPRETABILITY OF THIS PHOTOGRAPHY PRECLUDES IDENTIFICATION OF ANY EQUIPMENT OR DETERMINATION OF THE TYPE OF SYSTEM BEING INSTALLED. ANALYSIS IS CONTINUING.

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